

son, Paul, serves as President of the company.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize F.O. Barden and Son, Inc. for a century of success and service to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE  
HONORABLE NORMAN Y. MINETA**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize our former colleague and my friend Norman Mineta—an amazing man who broke ground in so many ways and was thoroughly committed to public service.

Norm's commitment was strong despite the injustices he and his family suffered. During World War II, they were sent from our shared hometown of San Jose to an internment camp in Wyoming. The imprisonment of Norm and his family was a terrible wrong, but it never interfered with Norm's love of the United States. He just kept going. Kept striving to make our country better. To make it more inclusive.

I knew Norm since the 1970s. When Norm was elected to the House of Representatives, I worked with his office when I was a staffer for my predecessor, Congressman Don Edwards.

I always found Norm to be tenacious—focused on getting things done. And he did accomplish quite a lot. He authored the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which officially apologized for the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. That meant so much to so many people. Another law authored by Norm was ISTEA, which set up many of the transportation corridors we use today.

Norm and I only overlapped as Members of Congress in 1995, but throughout the years, I've looked up to his spirit of bipartisanship. Norm, well-known as a transportation leader and Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, often said, "bridges and tunnels are not Democratic or Republican." And his ability to work across the aisle was useful when he served as a Cabinet Member for Presidents of both parties: Commerce Secretary in President Bill Clinton's Administration—and Transportation Secretary for George W. Bush.

One thing I always found fascinating about Norm was that he never forgot anyone's name. He could meet someone once . . . and then, 10 years later walk up and know exactly who that person was and when they first met. Not many of us in this Chamber would be able to do that, I presume.

And not many of us could say we achieved so many "firsts." Norm went from becoming the first non-white Member of the San Jose City Council to the first Asian American serving in two Presidential Cabinets. While, the whole time, he served as an all-American representative for his constituents.

Norm Mineta made a huge impact on our San Jose community, and he changed our country for the better. He will be missed.

HONORING 25 YEARS OF THE  
LORING JOB CORPS CENTER

**HON. JARED F. GOLDEN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2022*

Mr. GOLDEN. Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate the Loring Job Corps Center in Northern Maine on 25 years of dedicated support for young Mainers. Our nation's Job Corps programs are vital for preparing the next generation for employment and furthering their education. It is an honor to support their mission to better the lives of Mainers and their community through technical and academic training. Since its first class of students in 1997, the Loring Job Corps Center has become a bridge to assist over 12,000 young adults earn their high school diplomas, build careers, and obtain employment. None of this would be possible without a team of committed staff, many of whom have been at the Loring Job Corps Center for more than two decades. It is with great pride and appreciation that I congratulate the Loring Job Corps Center on 25 years of success, and I look forward to what the next 25 years brings to this important institution.

**RECOGNIZING IGA NEPHROPATHY  
DAY**

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2022*

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize May 14th as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day. IgA Nephropathy (IgAN) is a rare autoimmune disease that causes a person's immune system to attack the kidneys. Fewer than 200,000 people are diagnosed with this incurable condition per year in the United States, yet it is one of the most common diseases affecting the kidneys other than those caused by high blood pressure or diabetes.

IgA Nephropathy is a condition in which an abnormal build-up of a protein called immunoglobulin A (IgA) causes the immune system to attack the kidneys, often leading to kidney damage and failure. The cause of abnormal IgA build-up in patients with this condition is unclear, though it is likely due in part to genetic factors. While IgA Nephropathy impacts women and men of every ethnicity, it is most prevalent in those from Asian backgrounds. In fact, kidney failure among Asian Americans is 5 times more likely to be the result of IgA Nephropathy than among Caucasians, and 15 times more likely compared to African Americans.

Although IgA Nephropathy can develop at any age, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) notes that it most often affects younger Americans, usually appearing between the teen years and the late 30s. Furthermore, according to the IgAN Foundation, as many as half of those affected by IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease and eventually require dialysis or a kidney transplant.

As is often the case with rare diseases, the diagnostic journey to IgA Nephropathy tends to be long. There are usually little or no immediate signs and symptoms. The disease

causes inflammation that can trigger complications, including high blood pressure and chronic kidney disease. In fact, many patients are not diagnosed until they show some of these complications and blood or protein in the urine.

IgA Nephropathy was first identified in 1968, and it is viewed as a condition without a cure. While some patients have been able to delay kidney decline and failure through lifestyle changes, supplements, and medication, many others have seen no effective treatments whatsoever.

We believe this is about to change. The FDA approved the first-ever medication for IgA Nephropathy in late 2021. Another drug is currently under FDA review with more therapies in phase 2 and 3 trials. Additionally, a growing number of clinical trials are underway.

These advancements in IgA Nephropathy treatment provide hope for so many patients struggling with this chronic disease. It's important we help raise awareness of this condition to counter the fear and uncertainty that can come with an IgA Nephropathy diagnosis. More needs to be done to develop the means for patients to manage their conditions and live normal lives even while dealing with this cruel disease.

I also want to salute by name the IgA Nephropathy Foundation. On May 14, 2004, Bonnie Schneider and her husband established the IgA Nephropathy Foundation from their home. Eddie, their 13-year-old son, had been recently diagnosed with the condition, and they saw firsthand the unmet need for answers, resources, and a supportive community for individuals with IgAN and their families.

In addition, I am proud to say that California's 33rd Congressional District is fully engaged in this effort, as IgA Nephropathy Foundation Board Secretary Mary Schneider is from Venice in my district.

So on May 14th, the 18th anniversary of its founding, the IgA Nephropathy Foundation and the entire IgAN community and partners will come together to raise awareness about this disease, while celebrating the strength of those warriors who battle it every day. Their hope is that this important day will drive people to check their risk and recognize symptoms, improve awareness among primary care physicians, build a stronger network of support for patients, and encourage further research to find effective therapies and, one day, a cure.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the IgA Nephropathy Foundation for creating this important day of awareness. I am proud to stand with the brave Americans and their families who must battle this disease and who continue in their efforts to educate the public on IgA Nephropathy. On May 14th, we honor them and all their efforts as we recognize IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

**RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF JEFFERSON UNION  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Jefferson Union High School District upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary. At inception, the district had one school,